

# 5th April 2019



**Easter Holidays** Monday 8th April

Monday 22nd April

Start of Summer Term 1 Tuesday 23rd April

Bank Holiday Monday Monday 6th May

Half Term Mon 27th May-Tues 4th June

#### **Diary Dates**

**Wildside Residential** Years 3 & 4 27th-28th June

Diamond Class Activities Week 20th-24th May

Sapphire Class Swimming **Every Friday morning** from 26th April—12th July

#### **After School Activities**

Ks2—Drama Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Wednesdays from 1st May-25th June—places are limited

> Ks2—Rounders Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Thursday from 2nd May—26th June—places are limited

> Ks1—Multi Sports Reception, Years 1 & 2

Fridays from 3rdMay—27th June—places are limited

Saints Sports Club

Tuesdays from 30th April Please register on line https://www.saintssouthwest.co.uk/allcourses/afterschool-club/

**TWITTER** 

Most school events are featured on our twitter fed @StDavidsCofE. Follow us so you don't miss anything exciting!

REMEMBER

Book School Meals by 3.30PM ON WEDNESDAYS! Please CLEAR DEBTS AS SOON AS **POSSIBLE** 

#### **Easter Service**

The Easter Service and performance of 'The Three Trees' was a delightful occasion yesterday. The children of Sapphire class performed and sang with such confidence and the supporting chorus from everyone else was beautiful. It was lovely to see so many parents at St Michael's Church and to hear your praise of the children for their hard work.

#### Easter Egg Hunt & Raffle

Thank you to everyone who supported our Easter celebrations yesterday.

We raised over £300 on the raffle and Easter Egg hunt and minus expenses, a further £190 has been raised bringing us closer to the target required to purchase our reading chair!

The rain just about held off for the children to enjoy the Easter Egg Hunt.

The lucky winners were.....

**Easter Egg Winners** 

Reception—William Year 1—leshia Year 2—Ralph Year 3—Laura & Malaika Year 4—Imogen Year 6—Noor & Harley

**Golden Eggs Winners** 

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A Dig Thank you also to Vicky Ladbrook (Callum's mum) and Lauren Partridge (Lola-Mai's mum) from Ruby Class, who made up all 100 bags of Easter treats for everyone! And to Kelly Brooks who helped set up Diamond's Hunt.

St Bart's wildflower re-seeding On Tuesday we helped to reseed St Bart's cemetery along With Emily from Devon Wildlife Trust. Keep an eye open on the area nearest the Mill on the

#### **Green Team News**

Last Friday Diamond Class, with the help of Devon Wildlife Trust and funded by Western Power

Distribution, started work on our new outdoor learning area. We planted a wildflower meadow, created a bug hotel and set up a bird feeding station. There is still lots of work to do, but hopefully, we will complete it by the end of April so that we can use it in the summer term

#### Badges

1st Green Team Badges go to Dylan, Noor & Gracie. 2nd Green Team Badges go to Louis, Kara & Phoebe

#### Spare Pants, Knickers & Tights

FS/KS1 request boys pants, girls knickers and tights as they are currently running very low. If you have any good quality pairs that you are able to donate—preferably age 3 5 years, we would be very grateful. Many thanks

Compassion

What have we been doing this week?....

Ruby Class — the Ruby Rose crew discovered a donkey hiding in the cave on Turtle Island. Then they got to meet some real donkeys who visited from the Sidmouth Donkey Sanctuary. **Instead of hunting for** treasure, the crew had a great time hunting for Easter eggs.... Arghh delicious! Emerald Class— have been <mark>very busy taking part in lots</mark> of different activities. The children really enjoyed the prayer space on Monday and it was lovely to see Emerald class fully immerse themselves in quiet reflection. The children absolutely loved meeting the special visitors from the Donkey Sanctuary on Wednesday and they were very keen to learn new information by asking brilliant questions and taking part in lots of díscussions.

Sapphire Class - have been making games linked to their understanding of magnets for Captain Irritable and his naughty, bored children. They were also very proud of their 'Three Tree' Easter performance on Thursday. They were all Super Stars!

Diamond Class— on Friday afternoon Diamond Class performed a brass concert for parents and friends of St David's in the school hall, playing pieces such as 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang' and 'Oh When the Saints' amongst <mark>others. The children have had</mark> eleven lessons with Mr Stark over the course of this term and both their playing skills and ability to read music have improved dramatically in that

Our Christian Values

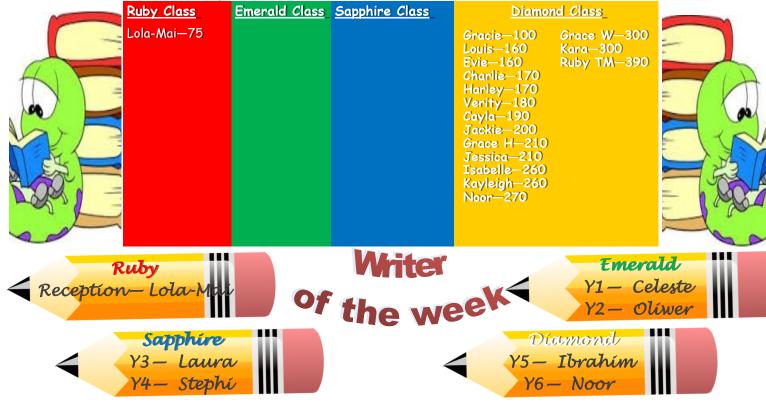
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# Star Learners

Ruby	<b>Reception: Ted</b> — because this week he has been working hard to develop his problem solving skills. When he has a problem he is starting to take time to consider his options before acting. He is remembering to seek help when he needs it and it has been wonderful to see him working more collaboratively with this friends. Well done Ted!
Emerald	Year 1: Eva — because of her fantastic maths. This week we have been learning about time and she has tackled this new challenge really well with lots of great independent learning! Well done Eva!  Year 2: Ralph — because he carried out some fantastic research in preparation for our donkey visit. He also asked fantastic questions, which extended his learning, during the visit. Well done Ralph!
Sapphire	<b>Year 3: Phoebe Jackson &amp; Year 4: Tiana</b> — were both a super stars during our 'Three Trees' Easter performance, stepping in at the last minute to read the lines of someone who was away. Thank you so much to you both and well done!
Diamond	Year 5: Ibrahim — has worked tirelessly on the final part of his story, and has become more confident writer, using a greater range of punctuation. Well done and thank you Ibrahim!  Year 6: Kayleigh — has demonstrated a tremendous attitude towards her work this week, and as a result her practice test scores are improving all the time. Well done and thank you Kayleigh!



#### **Lunch Time Star**

Tiana — for helping to tidy up in the dinner hall.

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#### **School Meals and Packed Lunches**

At St David's our school meals meet the Educational Nutritional Standards and Requirements for School Food (Department or Education legislation) and we also promote healthy eating at other times in the school day. However, we have increasingly found that some children's packed lunches include considerable amounts of salty and sugary items and very few items with any significant nutritional value. For this reason, we are having a strong focus on healthy food and would appreciate your support in ensuring that packed lunches contain a balance of foods and also include fruit and vegetables.

A child's packed lunch should include:

- A portion of starchy food e.g. bap/bread, plain crackers, pasta or rice salad
- Fresh fruit and vegetables
- A portion of milk or dairy food, e.g. cheese, plain/fruit yoghurt
- Portion of lean meat, fish or alternative, e.g. Quorn, cheese, tuna, egg
- A drink: fruit juice (not fizzy or energy drinks), plain water and or milk

Savoury crackers or breadsticks – occasionally crisps

A child's school packed lunch must not contain any of the following:

• Salted or flavoured nuts (Instead, include nuts, seeds, vegetables and fruit – with no added salt, sugar or fat – savoury crackers or breadsticks – occasionally crisps.)

#### Free School Meals/Pupil Premium

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at state schools in England automatically get free school meals. However, parents are encouraged to apply for free school meals when they enrol their child in school, as this can help their child's school to attract additional 'Pupil Premium' funding to support learning.

Please register if you are eligible, even if your child does not want a school dinner.

Children with Pupil Premium funding are eligible for subsidies for certain trips/visits and residential. If you receive any of the following benefits you may be eligible:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit.

Children who receive any of the above benefits in their own right (i.e. they get benefits payments directly, instead of through a parent or guardian) can also get free school meals.

How to apply: Use the online application form at <a href="https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/schoolinformation/school-meals">https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/schoolinformation/school-meals</a> which you can email to

freeschoolmeals@devon.gov.uk or print out and post to FSM Team, Room L102, County Hall, Exeter EX2 4QD.

 Alternatively, a paper copy of the form can be collected from the school office.

Parents and carers can also ring the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

As always, if you have any worries or concerns then class teachers are always happy to help, just pop in for a chat.

Alternatively I am at the front of the school most mornings, so just have a chat or share good news with me about you and your family. For more confidential matters, please speak to Sara or Jackie in the office to make an appointment.

#### **Internet Safety**

Musical.ly has a new name - TikTok

The social network app Musical.ly has often given cause for concern, because of the way that children use it to generate and share their own short videos and lip sync to popular audio clips. The app has a new name and new features, and now includes live streaming. Although the app has an age-limit of 13 years old, in practice there will be younger children using it, and the content may not be suitable.

Profiles on TikTok are automatically set to public, so that any content you post can be seen by anyone within the app. There is also a Restricted Mode which can help to filter out inappropriate content and prevent the user from being able to start their own live streams.

You can find out more here: TikToK

# Ever Thought of Becoming a Primary School Teacher?

The opportunity is possible through the teacher training route called 'School Direct' led by Exeter Consortium. For more information contact Dawn Chapman at dawn@exeterconsortium.com or on 01392 92717.1 or visit www.exeterconsortium.com

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# **GENERAL NOTICES AND REMINDERS**

# Stay and Play Bookings

We are experiencing a lot of late bookings and late cancellations. As places are very limited, please ensure you give the office as much notice as possible if your child requires a place at Stay and Play. Whilst we appreciate late cancellation can sometimes not be avoided, please try and give us at least 24 hours notice as this will free up a Thank you for your co-operation.

## Administration of Medicines in School

A reminder that we can only accept medication that is in-date, labelled, provided in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist and includes instructions for administration, dosage & storage. A parental agreement must also be completed. We will endeavour to administrate medicines at the required times, although this cannot always be guaranteed.

### Book School Meals by 3.30PM ON WEDNESDAYS!

All meals to be ordered using Lunch Time drop down!!

> **PLEASE** CLEAR YOUR DEBTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

#### Packed Lunches

A reminder that no sweets, chocolate bars or fizzy drinks are included in lunch boxes.

Could all absences please be reported to the school office before 9am. If the school has not been informed, your child will be marked as having an unauthorised absence. Please either telephone 01392 255569 or ema stdavids@ventrus.org.uk NB St David's have a strict 48 hour isolation period if your child has suffered from sickness and/or diarrhoea. Please ensure you keep them home for 48 hours after their last bout of sickness.

#### Mobile/Internet Safety

As your children become more and more reliant on the Internet for both school work and entertainment, we must all, as a community, be more aware for the need to monitor the sites your child visits. In school, through classroom activities and discussion, we highlight positive uses of technology, but also ways in which we can all keep safe through responsible use of the internet, our mobile phones and social media (e.g. WhatsApp, Snapchat Instagram etc...). At home you can ensure the security systems on your computers, tablets and mobiles are up to date and also, please talk to your child about the dangers of accessing unfamiliar sites, or giving parents -mail/SC/Insta etc.... details to strangers

#### Playground Security

Please ensure the front playground gate is closed after you enter or leave the playground.

Many thanks.

# THE SCHOOL DAY

All children should be in class & seated ready for registration before 9am. We are required to record anyone arriving after 9am as LATE

THE RAMP DOOR WILL BE LOCKED AT 9AM SHARP.

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